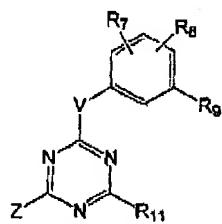


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66 (Amended). A compound of Formula (I).

66. A compound of Claim 52 or a stereoisomer, or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof or solvate thereof, wherein:

wherein V is chosen from -CHR⁵-, -NR⁵-, -O-, and -S-;

Z is chosen from halogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, -SR³, -OR³, and -N(R¹)(R²);

-N(R¹)(R²) taken together may form a heterocyclyl or substituted heterocyclyl; or R¹ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl and substituted alkyl; and

R² is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl;

R³ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl;

R⁵ is chosen from hydrogen and alkyl, or when attached to a nitrogen atom, R⁵ taken together with R⁷ may form a fused heterocyclyl or substituted heterocyclyl;

R⁷ is chosen from hydrogen, -N(R³¹)(R³²), halogen, cyano, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, and alkylthio, or when V is -NR⁵, -R⁵ and R⁷ taken together may form a fused heterocyclyl or substituted heterocyclyl;

R⁸ is chosen from hydrogen and halogen;

R⁹ is chosen from -CO₂(alkyl), -C(O)N(R³¹)(R³²), -SO₂N(R³¹)(R³²), -N(R³³)SO₂R³⁴, -C(O)N(R³³)N(R³¹)(R³²), -N(R³³)C(O)R³⁴, -CH₂N(R³³)C(O)R³⁴, -N(R³¹)(R³²), -CH₂OC(O)R³⁴, C₁₋₆alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, and -C(O)R¹⁰;

provided, however, that when R⁹ is CH₃ or NH₂, then neither R² nor R¹⁴ is para-cyano-phenyl;

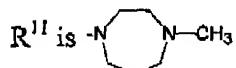
or R⁸ and R⁹ taken together may form -C(O)N(R³³)CH₂- or -C(O)N(R³³)C(O)-;

R¹⁰ is chosen from heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkyl, and substituted alkyl;

R³¹ and R³³ are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, and substituted alkyl;

R³² is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryloxy, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl;

R³⁴ is chosen from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl;



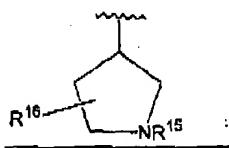
R¹² is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, and substituted alkyl;

R¹³ is -(CH₂)_mR¹⁴;

-N(R¹²)(R¹³) taken together may form a heterocyclyl or substituted heterocyclyl;

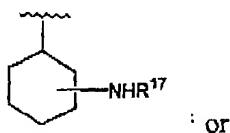
m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R¹⁴ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, -C(O)N(R³¹)(R³²), -N(R³³)C(O)R³⁴, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, and



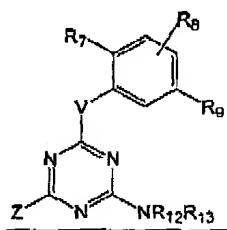
R¹⁵ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-substituted alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, -C(O)-substituted aryl, -C(O)-alkoxy, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl;

R¹⁶ is chosen hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, and



R^{17} is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, $-\text{C(O)-alkyl}$, $-\text{C(O)-substituted alkyl}$, $-\text{C(O)-aryl}$, and $-\text{C(O)-substituted aryl}$.

70. (Amended). A compound having the formula,



70. A compound according to Claim 69 or a stereoisomer or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof, or solvate thereof, wherein:

wherein:

V is chosen from $-\text{CHR}^5-$, $-\text{NR}^5-$, $-\text{O}-$, and $-\text{S}-$;

Z is halogen, alkyl, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^1)(\text{R}^2)$, or alkyl substituted with one to two of $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{31})(\text{R}^{32})$, alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl, $-\text{SO}_2\text{-alkyl}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{-alkyl}$, $-\text{C(O)-alkyl}$, nitro, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, $-\text{C(O)-N}(\text{R}^{31})(\text{R}^{32})$, and/or $-\text{NH-C(O)-alkyl}$;

R^1 is hydrogen or methyl;

R^2 is alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms;

R^3 is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and substituted heterocyclyl;

R^4 is chosen from hydrogen and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^7 is chosen from hydrogen, amino, amino C_{1-4} alkyl, halogen, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, and alkylthio;

R⁸ is attached to any available carbon atom of the phenyl ring and is chosen from hydrogen and halogen;

R⁹ is chosen from -C(O)N(R³¹)(R³²), -SO₂N(R³¹)(R³²), -N(R³³)SO₂R³⁴, -C(O)N(R³³)N(R³¹)(R³²), -N(R³³)C(O)R³⁴, -CH₂N(R³³)C(O)R³⁴, -N(R³¹)(R³²), -CH₂OC(O)R³⁴, heterocycl^yl, and substituted heterocycl^yl; or

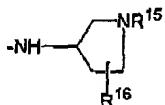
R⁸ and R⁹ taken together may form -C(O)N(R³³)CH₂- or -C(O)N(R³³)C(O)-;

R³¹ and R³³ are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, and substituted alkyl;

R³² is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryloxy, heterocycl^yl and substituted heterocycl^yl;

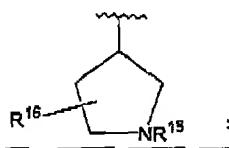
R³⁴ is chosen from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycl^yl and substituted heterocycl^yl;

N(R¹²)(R¹³) taken together form a monocyclic heteroecycl^yl or substituted heterocycl^yl of 5 to 7 atoms having 1, 2 or 3 additional nitrogen atoms, -NH-alkyl wherein alkyl is of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or



m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

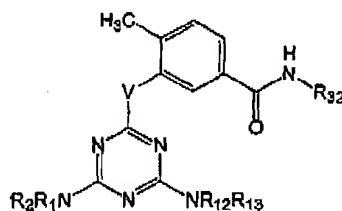
R¹⁴ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, -C(O)N(R³¹)(R³²), -N(R³³)C(O)R³⁴, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycl^yl, substituted heterocycl^yl and



R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or methyl, methyl; and

R¹⁷ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, -C(O)-alkyl, -C(O)-substituted alkyl, -C(O)-aryl, and -C(O)-substituted aryl.

71 (Amended). A compound of Claim 70 or astereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof, having the formula:



72 (Amended). The compound of claim 6970 or astereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof, wherein:

R⁷ is halogen, methyl, methoxy, halogen, or cyano.

73 (Amended). The compound of claim 6970 or a stereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof, wherein:

R⁹ is C(=O)NH₂, C(=O)NH(CH₃)₂, or C(=O)NHO(CH₃)₂.

74 (Amended). The compound of claim 6970 or astereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof, wherein R⁷ is methyl and R⁹ is C(=O)NH(CH₃)₂ or C(=O)NHO(CH₃)₂.

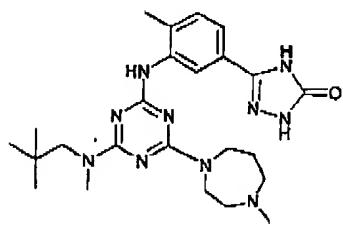
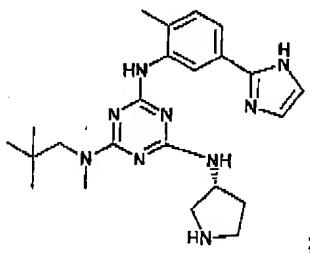
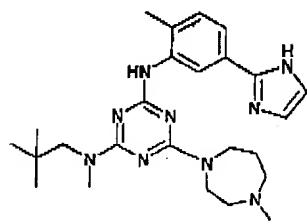
75 (Amended). A compound of Claim 6970 or astereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof, wherein:

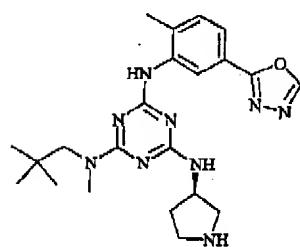
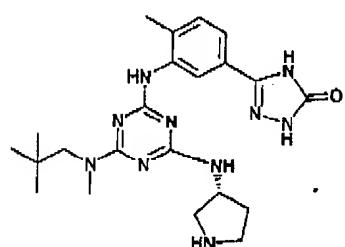
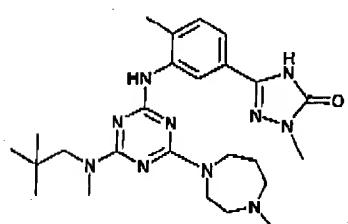
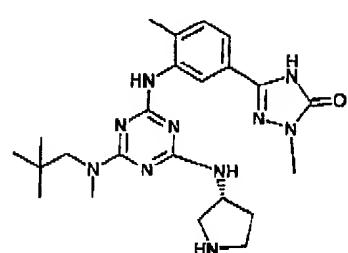
R⁹ is chosen from unsubstituted or substituted triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl and benzimidazolyl.

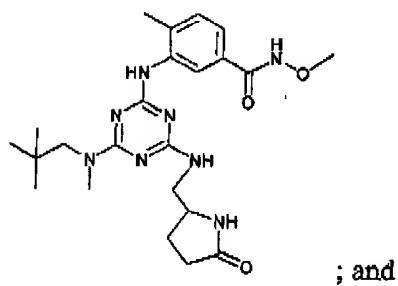
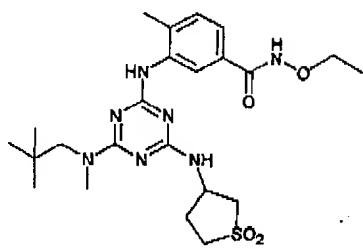
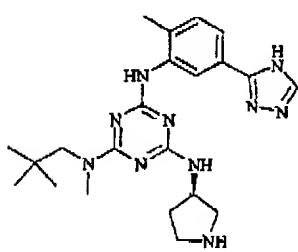
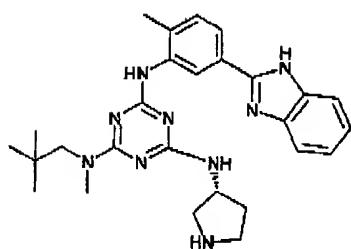
76 (Amended). A compound of Claim 6970 or a stereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate thereof wherein:

R⁹ is chosen from substituted or unsubstituted 1,2,4-triazole; substituted or unsubstituted thiazole connected via a C2, C4, or C5 position; substituted or unsubstituted 1,3,4-oxadiazole connected via a 2 or 5 position; and substituted or unsubstituted imidazole connected via a C2, C4, C5, N1 or N3 position.

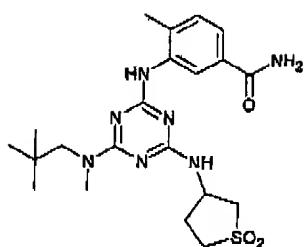
77 (Amended). A compound which is selected from (i):







; and



; or (ii) stereoisomer, enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, prodrug, or solvate of the compound selected from paragraph (i).

78 (Amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient, a compound, or a prodrug or salt thereof, according to claim 52,70, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

82 (New). A method of treating a condition associated with p38 kinase activity in a mammal, rheumatoid arthritis, the method comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment, an effective amount of a composition according to claim 78.